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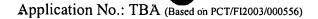
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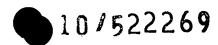
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The relevance of FI 81 1420 can be found in EP 0 040 169, which is our English language counterpart application.





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